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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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ITEM 2. Project Coverage

Fresno County has 6,006 square miles. There is a verifiable and established need to deploy our Off Road Safety Team resources on both sides of the County during winter and summer months. Our National Parks, National Forests, rivers, lakes, and campgrounds, draw thousands of OHV users to Fresno County each year.

The Sierra and Sequoia National Forests in Eastern Fresno County, offer mountain type trail riding, hill climbs, and deep forest riding trails available at all skill levels, with year round activity. In Western Fresno County seasonal OHV activity exists in the Clear Creek OHV park and the foothill areas.

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ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Regular patrol function is 24 hours, 7 days a week. Deputy Sheriff personnel respond to OHV incursions and complaints through a reactive system based on dispatched call types 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

OHV-specific patrols will be in conjunction with pre-planned OHV or recreation activities; generally holidays, opening of hunting season and special ride events sponsored by local clubs. The amount of OHV funding received will allow additional proactive patrols specific to OHV recreation use.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

During OHV Patrols, a minimum of two deputy sheriffs will be deployed as a team. We have equipment to deploy 16 deputies on trails. The number of teams and OHV specific patrols will depend on funding recieved.

I addition, regular patrol deputies equiped with 4X4 vehicles make routine, daily checks of OHV recreation use trailheads and parking areas.

There are currently 27 deputy sheriffs trained and certified to ride in the OHV program with specific assignment to the OHV Unit. This includes the unit supervising sergeant and the lieutenant assigned as the unit commander.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

The Sierra and Sequoia National Forests in eastern Fresno County offer many authorized riding opportunities. The OHV opportunities compete with hunting, fishing, hiking and camping enthusiasts as well as forest habitat. There are three bands of the Western Mono Indians living on three established Federal Rancherias in eastern Fresno County. These lands contain Indian burial grounds as well as artifacts that attract souvenir hunters. There are vast acres of valley farmland intersected by the Kings River, the San Joaquin River, various canals and streams and some BLM lands. These farm lands are critical to the economy of Fresno County

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

OHV Directed Patrols will provide security for all participants as well as education of OHV regulations and enforcement of violations of OHV regulations and related state laws. OHV Patrol and Education programs will direct recreational users to authorized OHV riding opportunities within the County of Fresno while protecting property rights and the interests of other users of these lands for hunting, fishing, hiking and camping. It is our belief that with proper management and supervision, there is more than enough recreational OHV opportunities for OHV enthusiasts to coexist with other public users. OHV recreational use will be enhanced and therefore expanded by the safe cooperation of OHV users with the general public.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

We have developed and keep current contact information with law enforcement and recreation management personnel representing Table Mountain Rancheria Tribal Police, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) rangers, Forrester Service Law Enforcement officers, Fish and Game wardens, Ca State Parks rangers, Corps of Engineers rangers and National Park Service LE officers

We have formal understandings with Table Mountain Rancheria, Millerton State rangers and US Forrester Service regarding mutual aid for law enforcement services as well as informal agreements to assist any agency in the County with specific problems related to OHV activity such as the start of hunting season or pre-planned OHV activity.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

The County Fresno Sheriff's Office does have the ability to contract for law enforcement services however we have not done so for OHV events; specifically because the organizers of such events have not requested the contract. It is not mandated.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

We have a state certified OHV trainer on staff. The training program makes use of our contacts with the other related local, state and federal agencies represented in the County of Fresno to provide specific training and understanding of the natural and cultural resource protection that relates to our specific OHV patrol activities.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
The Fresno County Sheriff's Office provides formal law enforcement response to forest service and national parks lands within the County
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:
These fees are used to cover OHV specific maintenance and are imperative to keeping the OHV program alive in Fresno County

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
Not Applicable
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	Fresno County Sheriff's Department				
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement (FINAL)			PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-03-08-L01
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration				
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DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Administration Officer	100.000	60.000	HRS	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Supervisor	600.000	79.000	HRS	35,550.00	11,850.00	47,400.00
	Notes : Sergeant and/or Lieutenant overseeing program						
	Law Enforcement Officers	1500.000	49.000	HRS	55,125.00	18,375.00	73,500.00
	Total for Staff				90,675.00	36,225.00	126,900.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Indirect Costs						
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment